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Dear Respondent:

This issue of the Idaho Crop and Livestock Producers' News covers the results of the January 1 Milk Production Report. Total production and number of cows are reported for selected states and the U.S.

This release is sent to survey participants in appreciation for their time spent responding to the survey. For more information contact us at nass-id@nass.usda.gov or at 1-800-691-9987. Thank you for reporting and your continued support.

Sincerely,

William R. Meyer
Director

Idaho Milk Production up 10.9 Percent

Idaho milk production during December 2005 totaled 868 million pounds, a 10.9 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 25 million pounds from November 2005. Revised production for November 2005 totaled 843 million pounds, up 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate and 13.0 percent above November 2004. Average milk production per cow in December 2005 was 1,840 pounds, a 40 pound increase from December 2004, and 50 pounds more than November 2005. The average number of milk cows during December was 472,000 head, up 1,000 head from November 2005 and up 37,000 head from December 2004.

Milk production in the 23 major States during December totaled 13.6 billion pounds, up 4.2 percent from December 2004. November revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 4.6 percent from November 2004. The November revision represented a decrease of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,665 pounds for December, 55 pounds above December 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.16 million head, 67,000 head more than December 2004, and 4,000 head more than November 2005.

Milk Cows and Production: by Month, Idaho, 2004-2005

Month	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
January	412	436	1,800	1,830	742	798	7.5
February	412	437	1,660	1,680	684	734	7.3
March	413	441	1,780	1,880	735	829	12.8
April	414	443	1,770	1,850	733	820	11.9
May	417	445	1,850	1,930	771	859	11.4
June	422	451	1,800	1,900	760	857	12.8
July	427	460	1,860	1,960	794	902	13.6
August	431	468	1,850	1,940	797	908	13.9
September	431	469	1,780	1,850	767	868	13.2
October	434	470	1,800	1,870	781	879	12.5
November*	434	471	1,720	1,790	746	843	13.0
December	435	472	1,800	1,840	783	868	10.9
Annual	424		21,446		9,093		

* 2005 revised.

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, December 2004-2005

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Arizona	166	163	1,905	1,940	316	316	
California	1,741	1,770	1,775	1,795	3,090	3,177	2.8
Colorado	102	105	1,845	1,890	188	198	5.3
Florida	138	135	1,450	1,415	200	191	-4.5
IDAHO	435	472	1,800	1,840	783	868	10.9
Illinois	106	104	1,540	1,570	163	163	
Indiana	155	158	1,600	1,715	248	271	9.3
Iowa	188	187	1,700	1,700	320	318	-0.6
Kansas	111	111	1,680	1,730	186	192	3.2
Kentucky	110	102	1,055	1,100	116	112	-3.4
Michigan	307	312	1,730	1,810	531	565	6.4
Minnesota	460	445	1,475	1,560	679	694	2.2
Missouri	119	114	1,270	1,300	151	148	-2.0
New Mexico	321	339	1,650	1,780	530	603	13.8
New York	650	649	1,485	1,545	965	1,003	3.9
Ohio	266	273	1,450	1,450	386	396	2.6
Oregon	120	121	1,570	1,550	188	188	
Pennsylvania	565	557	1,490	1,580	842	880	4.5
Texas	319	324	1,555	1,720	496	557	12.3
Vermont	143	143	1,515	1,535	217	220	1.4
Virginia	104	104	1,420	1,460	148	152	2.7
Washington	235	237	1,925	1,910	452	453	0.2
Wisconsin	1,236	1,239	1,490	1,555	1,842	1,927	4.6
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TOTAL	8,097	8,164	1,610	1,665	13,037	13,592	4.3

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2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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